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John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence

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JOHN A. MITCHELL, JUDGE  
Criminal Court Fifth Circuit  
Cookeville, Tennessee

August 5, 1963

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
Abilene Christian College  
Abilene, Texas

Dear Bro. Chalk:

Thank you for your letter of July 29. It was good to hear from you and to know that you are having an interesting experience with the McGarvey program. I am sure this is a very fine program and I hope that the work does not prove too strenuous for you. We are also very much pleased with the success of the meetings you have held there, and I am not surprised that your fine sermon on the recent Supreme Court Bible-reading decision was so well received, because you had put a great deal of work and study into it, and it was one of the best explanations I have heard or read on this highly controversial subject.

I have in mind what you suggested with reference to another option on the Ensor property, and expect to discuss it with the Elders at the regular meeting tomorrow night. I talked to Bro. Flatt about it and inasmuch as he had already talked with Mr. Brown on the subject, I asked Mr. Flatt to continue the discussion with Mr. Brown with the hope that he would be able to get a liberal long-term option. Mr. Flatt is a better trader than most of us, and I felt that he could do better than some of the rest of us, especially since he had already talked the matter over with Mr. Brown.

We had fairly good crowds yesterday at the two morning services, and about the usual number at the night service. The contribution yesterday was about \$1,036. I saw Mary Bess and Mrs. Chalk at the night service last night, but did not get to talk with them. Matallee told me that she talked with Mrs. Chalk yesterday morning at the morning service. They seem to be getting along all right.

Bob and Ethel and the baby went to Daisy Friday night and returned last night. They were looking for a place to live, and when they came back they reported that they had found a very desirable house which had formerly been bought by some person under the G.I. program or some housing program, and that they were negotiating with the proper parties with a view to assuming the remainder of the payments and paying the purchaser a certain sum for his equity. I presume they will acquire that property.

We miss you very much and will be glad when you have completed the course there and return to Cookeville. I am glad things worked out so that you could avail yourself of the very fine instruction made available there under the McGarvey Program.

Sincerely, *John A. Mitchell*